

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2 and 3 have been amended. Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled. Therefore, after entry of the foregoing claim amendments, claims 2-4 will remain pending and under examination. No new matter is being presented, and approval of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1 and 3-4 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Yamada et al. (U.S. 2004/052504) (hereinafter “Yamada”) in view of Mori (JP 402252154). Independent claim 1 is cancelled herein and thus the rejection thereof is considered moot. Claims 3 and 4, in accordance with the foregoing amendments, depend from independent claim 2. The rejections thereof are discussed in further detail below with respect to the rejection of independent claim 2.

Claims 2 and 5 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Yamada in view of Mori and further in view of Eguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,076,152) (hereinafter “Eguchi”). Independent claim 5 is cancelled herein, and thus the rejection thereof is considered moot. The rejection of claim 2 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. The following is a comparison between embodiments of the present invention and the cited art.

Independent claim 2 is directed to a mobile telephone device equipped with a broadcast receiving function, a received broadcast recording and reproducing function, and a mail receiving function, comprising a unit for performing character recognition on data received by electronic mail.

As an exemplary advantage of embodiments the present invention, a mobile telephone device, for example, is capable of making a recording reservation for a program by a timer video recording code without requiring a key input of the timer video recording code. (See e.g., paragraph [0004] of the present specification).

On page 3 of the Action, the Examiner notes that both Yamada and Mori fail to teach or suggest that the image to be processed to recognize the characters is received by way of an email. Hence, Eguchi (Fig. 19) is cited as disclosing these features.

Eguchi discloses an information processing method and apparatus, in which recording reservation can be performed readily and promptly. To this end, a message asking a server for recording reservation data is transmitted at step S11, data for a recording reservation, transmitted from the server, is received at step S13, and control is managed to record a pre-set picture at step S16 based on the recording reservation data. (Abstract and Fig. 21).

According to Eguchi, if a personal computer 1-1 upon receipt of the email displays email data by a pre-set email program, the email program displays an icon 281 indicating that the recording reservation data is appended thereto (See Fig. 19). So, if the user of personal computer 1-2 transmits recording reservation data, the user of the personal computer 1-1 is able to record the pre-set program.

The apparatus of Eguchi is merely capable of sending recording reservation data appended to an email. The disclosure of Eguchi fails to teach or even suggest a unit for performing character recognition on data received by electronic mail, as recited in amended independent claim 2.

Applicant recognizes that Mori is cited as disclosing the recognition of characters of scanned images. However, it is respectfully submitted that the cited references, alone or in combination, still fail to disclose performing character recognition on data received by electronic mail.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 2, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the cited art. Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 2 and inherit the patentability thereof. Thus, claims 3 and 4 are submitted to be in condition for allowance for at least the foregoing reasons.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is

determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 278542008400. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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